

# MS Delta Academies

## Minutes

### Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies

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**Date and Time**

Monday September 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

virtual

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**Directors Present**

Amanda Wiltshire (remote), Cassandra Hansbrough (remote), Erin Mulligan (remote), McKinley Martin (remote), Williams Brack (remote)

**Directors Absent**

Emily Cupples, Erica Plybeah Hemphill, Jacquelyn Brownlow

**Guests Present**

Ann Krafcik, Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw (remote), Tamala Shaw (remote)

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**I. Opening Items****A. Call the Meeting to Order**

McKinley Martin called a meeting of the board of directors of MS Delta Academies to order on Monday Sep 12, 2022 at 5:40 PM.

**B. Record Attendance****C. Approve Agenda**

Cassandra Hansbrough made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Amanda Wiltshire seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. Approve Minutes**

Williams Brack made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies on 08-08-22.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. Board Chair's Report**

### **A. CEO Evaluation**

Vote postponed until October until all new members can review the document.

## **III. Financial Report**

### **A. Approve Financial Report**

Dr. Shaw noted the financial documents available in Board on Track for members to review.

The audit is underway and must be completed by October 1. Next year we will need to use a different auditor due to the requirement that organizations change firms every three years.

Rene Fumich presented documents on screen and asked for feedback on the format of the document presentation. She highlighted key line items and provided an update on ESSER and IDEA expenditures.

Board members posed questions to clarify what information is being shown in each document, and Rene provided additional information.

## **IV. Executive Director's Report**

### **A. Academics**

Charter School Growth Fund provided funding for the LIT literacy program.

Enrollment to date is 241. We were funded from and projection of 279. The charter allows up to 300. The funding for 28 scholars will be paid back "trued up") next year.

On Sept. 29, state accountability grades will be released. Dr. Shaw has been in communications with the state accountability team to review our scores prior to release. Mississippi First is assisting by digging through our data to demonstrate growth. Accountability grades affect public perception and potential charter renewal in 2025.

The school has been approved for sports through the MSHAA. Plans will include all away games and a partnership with the Greenwood Community Center gymnasium for practices. Activities will include basketball, cheerleading, Girls Who Code, student council, and more. This will help retain students and attract students for future enrollment.

Enrollment is dwindling in all schools across the area as parents move to home schooling and online options. Dr. Shaw asked the board to offer recommendations as to whether our current enrollment targets are feasible given the current environment. Board members posed clarifying questions about potential impact of enrollment. Dr. Shaw asked the board to make recommendations at the October board meeting regarding charter amendments to reflect enrollment goals.

## **B. Operations & Facilities**

Dr. Shaw shared that construction is about 90% finished. The facility has received a new certificate of occupancy and scholars are all now in the building for classes.

Dr. Shaw shared the importance of pivoting her role as ED to focus on enrollment, fundraising, and academics and less on day-to-day operations.

## **C. Human Resources**

One open teacher position was intentionally not filled. One SPED assistant needs to be hired through IDEA grant funding. All other positions have been filled.

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. Academic Committee**

Ms. Hansbrough visited the school and met with Dean Fluker and was impressed with what she saw. Dean Fluker shared test results from Spring 2022 and goals for the 22-23 school year. She plans to observe classes in session to gather more data.

### **B. Facility Committee**

No report.

### **C. Development (Fundraising) Committee**

The committee met briefly and Erin Mulligan met with Dr. Shaw to discuss fundraising needs. The top goals are 1) a second school bus, 2) Project Lead the Way, and 3) ACT prep program. Overall goal would be \$100,000.

Meet and greet peer-to-peer vision meetings in fall and spring are being planned, as well as a signature event. Mr. Martin still plans to host one of these Dec. 17 in Memphis. Mr. Martin asked all board members to extend an invitation to 3-4 people on their contact list with a goal of 2 acceptances per member. Time will be afternoon or evening, exact time TBD. Tentative 2-5pm. Title to be "A Look at Legacy." Dr. Shaw and Ms. Mulligan are handling catering and decorations.

A one pager will be updated to distribute at donor events.

**D. Governance Committee**

Committee did not meet this month. The committee plans to meet this month about bylaws, member recruitment, policies, and other critical information. Conflict of interest info needs to be sent to all members to complete the forms and return.

Reminder: all board members have committed to make a financial contribution of at least \$500 during the 2022 calendar year.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Next Meeting Date & Topics**

Next meeting October 10 at 5:30 CDT.

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tamala Shaw